

A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Ernestine P. Thomas.

WHEREAS, Ernestine Thomas was born in Middlesboro, Kentucky, on October 9, 1937; and

WHEREAS, Ernestine Thomas graduated as valedictorian from Lincoln High School and went on to earn her Bachelor of Arts degree from Kentucky State College in 1963 and her master's from the University of Louisville in 1976; and

WHEREAS, Ernestine Thomas was a Licensed Social Worker who worked for 30 years as a psychiatric social worker at Central State Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Ernestine Thomas was a proud volunteer at Baptist East Hospital. Always active in her community and for many charitable causes, she participated in a full marathon at the age of 60 to raise money for the Leukemia Society; and

WHEREAS, Ernestine Thomas served as a volunteer usher at the Kentucky Center for the Arts and was honored with a commemorative theater seat in recognition of her 30 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Ernestine Thomas, a loving wife, mother, and grandmother, departed this earthly life on March 15, 2016, leaving her family, friends, and all those whose lives she touched in solemn mourning; and

WHEREAS, Ernestine Thomas is survived by her husband of 51 years, the Sergeant-at-Arms for the Kentucky State Senate, Wendell Thomas; daughter, April Thomas; son, Oliver Thomas; sister, Sylvia Gilbert; brothers, Sam and Harold Patterson; grandchildren, Porscha Thomas, Victorie Thomas, Olivia Thomas, and Christina Marie Allen; and a host of other family members and friends who will deeply miss her presence in their lives;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby express their most profound sympathy upon the passing of Ernestine P. Thomas, and extend heartfelt condolences to their esteemed colleague Wendell Thomas as they stand in solemn and resolute mourning in this time of loss.

➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving memory of Ernestine P. Thomas.

➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Senator Gerald A. Neal for delivery to the family.